

County Public Schools Division on obtaining certification or recertification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Founded in 1987, the National Board was established by teachers for teachers as the premier vehicle for defining and recognizing accomplished educators. Today, this independent nonprofit organization remains dedicated to supporting excellence in education and is governed by classroom teachers, school administrators, school board leaders, governors and state legislators, higher education officials, teacher union leaders, and business and community leaders.

A National Board Certification denotes the most respected professional certification available in the education field. Obtaining certification and completing the renewal process is a personal and public statement of one's commitment to the evolution of effective instruction methods. In order to obtain the distinction, teachers must display a mastering of the standards established by the National Board by successfully completing a rigorous multi-component assessment that demonstrates that he or she has acquired the knowledge, skills, and practices required of an accomplished educator. Certified educators support a vision of teaching based on the following five core propositions:

1. Teachers are committed to students and their learning;
2. Teachers know the subjects they teach and how to teach those subjects to students;
3. Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning;
4. Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience; and
5. Teachers are members of learning communities.

I extend my personal congratulations and appreciation to the following 2017 National Board Certified Teachers for receiving their respective certifications and renewals: Erin Ball, Christy Beirnes, Elizabeth Bjork, Nancy Breckenridge, Dawn Breski, Angela Callaghan, Kimberly Carter, Jennifer Casey, Dina DaSilva, Cheryl Ellsmore, Diane Fernandez, Carl Hood, James Hunniford, Neta Lowe, Perpetua Magalhaes, Penny Mangus, Elizabeth McKeown, Minara Mollah, Melissa Morse, Christina Orr, Paul Johnson, Leanne Thomas.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending these teachers for their commitment to education, professional development, and the students of Prince William County Public Schools. The world-class education provided to our students is due to the tireless efforts of teachers who make excellence the standard and I thank them for their invaluable contributions.

HONORING THE PETALUMA GAP AVA

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Congressman Mike Thompson in recognition of the Petaluma Gap's recent designation as an American Viticultural Area (AVA). Spanning 202,476 total acres, the Petaluma Gap AVA represents the culmination and heritage of more than 180 years of stead-

fast dedication to the craft of winemaking throughout the region.

The first wine producing grapes were planted in what would become the Petaluma Gap in the 1830s, with the first winery later established in 1884. Wine production in the region then continued to grow at an increasingly rapid pace for the next thirty years. However, with the establishment of prohibition in the 1920s and the influx of Phylloxera aphids that followed, the region's wine production plummeted and remained in tatters through the 1960s.

By 1987, planting conditions and subsequent wine production began to rebound, which led to the establishment of the Sonoma Coast AVA. The Petaluma Gap Winegrowers Alliance eventually formed from this resurgence in 2005, and initiated the AVA process for the Petaluma Gap ten years later. On December 7, 2017, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) approved the alliance's application, and the Petaluma Gap AVA then went into effect on January 8th of this year.

Today, Petaluma Gap contains over 4,000 vineyard acres that support more than eighty commercially producing vineyards and nine bonded wineries, contributing to a thirty-four billion dollar California wine industry. It is the 241st AVA to be established in the United States, the 139th to be established in the state of California, and the 18th AVA to include a portion of Sonoma County.

Mr. Speaker, the designation of the Petaluma Gap as an AVA represents nearly two centuries of winegrowers working to build a distinct reputation and heritage. It is therefore appropriate that we stand together today, in celebration of this momentous achievement.

HONORING THE SECOND ANNUAL FINER WOMANHOOD BRUNCH HOSTED BY THE PSI OMICRON ZETA CHAPTER OF ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the Second Annual Finer Womanhood Brunch hosted by the Psi Omicron Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated of Manassas, Virginia.

This year's Finer Womanhood Brunch theme is "Blazing New Paths in Scholarship and Global Service", intended to inspire and encourage students and teachers to strive for success in every venture, and pride in every accomplishment.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was founded on the campus of Howard University on January 16, 1920. Its sorority members and auxiliary groups provide volunteer service and professional talent to educate the public, assist youth, fund scholarships, support organized charities, and promote legislation for civic and social change that enrich our communities.

Chartered on November 6, 2010, the Psi Omicron Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated assists the Greater Prince William area through sisterhood, scholarship, and service.

Each year, the members of the Psi Omicron Zeta Chapter, invite area residents to gather at the Hylton Performing Arts Center to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of two deserving high school seniors planning to attend institutions of higher learning. Each student will receive a scholarship for her perseverance and commitments to academic excellence. In addition, one noteworthy teacher will be bestowed the honor of "Teacher of the Year" for her work in and out of the classroom to shape the hearts and minds of future leaders.

I congratulate the following individuals as the 2018 Finer Womanhood Brunch honorees: High School Scholarship Winners:

Miss Samreen Azam, Gar-Field High School

Miss Eva Kemal, Woodbridge High School

Teacher of the Year:

Mrs. Perpetua Magalhaes, Stonewall Jackson Senior High School

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Psi Omicron Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and in congratulating the two scholarship recipients and 2018 Teacher of the Year honoree.

RECOGNIZING MR. HOANG A. DOAN

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Hoang A. Doan (aka HD), is a Vietnamese Refugee-Boat person who immigrated to Orlando, Florida in June 1979. He and his family were rescued in the Philippines Sea by the U.S. Navy, in September 1978 and lived in the Mandaluyon (Manila) Refugee camp until June 1979. Upon receiving a Bachelor and a Master Degree in Electrical Engineering, he initially worked for the Naval Sea Systems Command in Virginia until 1997, where he was recruited by the Naval Air Systems Command to work on various USN and Foreign Military projects until the present day.

His works for the Navy included the overhaul of U.S. Navy Ships, Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) sonar equipment, Fire Control equipment, and shipboard computer systems. Other projects include construction and modernizing Peacekeeping Forces in Mongolia, Bangladesh, Ukraine, Romania, Thailand, Slovakia. In addition, he assisted in building USN Helicopter Simulation and Training Programs across the U.S., Hawaii and Japan. He is currently serving as the Branch Manager at Naval Air Warfare Center, Training Systems Division in Orlando, Florida, and serving as the NAVAIR Wounded Warrior Recruiter, Asian American Pacific Islander Team Lead.

He is serving as a Council Member to the city of Orlando Mayors Veterans Advisory Council, Orange County, (FL) Veterans Advisory Council, an active Commemoration Partner Member of the DoD's 50th Year Vietnam War Commemoration.

He is married with two children. His wife, Christina, is an Engineer employed by the U.S. Marine Corps Program Management Training Systems (PMTRASYS). His son, is currently a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army's 25th Infantry Division, and his daughter is pursuing a medical career through the U.S. Army's University of Central Florida's ROTC Program.